Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Submission of Conservation Efforts To Make Listings Unnecessary Under the Endangered Species Act

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on September 22, 2021, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

*Title:* Submission of Conservation Efforts To Make Listings Unnecessary Under the Endangered Species Act.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0466.

Form Number(s): None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 1.

Average Hours Per Response: 2,500 hours to complete each agreement or plan that has the intention of making listing unnecessary; 320 hours to conduct monitoring for successful agreements; and 80 hours to prepare a report for successful agreements.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,900.

*Needs and Uses:* Submissions of information under this collection pertain to the Policy for Policy for Evaluation of Conservation Efforts When Making Listing Decisions (see

68 FR 15100, March 28, 2003). Information is used by NMFS when determining whether

species warrant listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), or may warrant listing

as threatened or endangered. Information is also used to evaluate the implementation and

effectiveness of conservation efforts.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; State, local or tribal

Governments.

Frequency: 1 per year.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: ESA (16 U.S.C. 1533).

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the

instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should

be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website

www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting

"Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function

and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648-0466.

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